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Attorney Docket No. 200007 USA

First Inventor or Application Identifier Philip M. Snider et al.

Title METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PERFORMING OPERATIONS AND
FOR IMPROVING PRODUCTION IN WELLS

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

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- Descriptive title of the Invention
- Cross References to Related Applications
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
- Reference to Microfiche Appendix
- Background of the Invention
- Brief Summary of the Invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
- Detailed Description
- Claim(s)
- Abstract of the Disclosure

3. Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 10]

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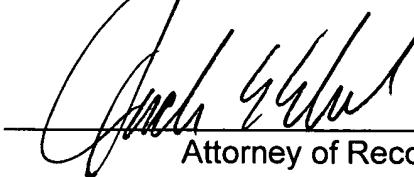
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- Cover Letter with Certificate of Mailing by Express Mail dated 06/01/00.
- Utility Patent Application Transmittal, Form PTO/SB/05.
- Fee Transmittal Form PTO/SB 17 (in duplicate).
- 36 pages of specification, including claims and abstract.
- Ten sheets of drawings (FIGS. 1-8C).

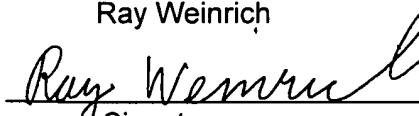


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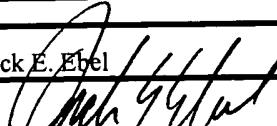
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139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	
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110	310	219	156	Notice of Appeal	
120	310	220	155	Filing brief in support of an appeal	
121	270	221	135	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
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144	670	244	335	Petitions to the Commissioner	
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